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Council approves firefighter performance appraisals

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Aug. 31 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Councillors approved an update to Policy 28, the township's policy for conducting employee appraisals, to include appraisals for the township's volunteer firefighters.

The concept had been discussed by council earlier in the year, with some members of council questioning if it was appropriate to treat volunteer firefighters as employees.

All township employee appraisals are completed by township chief administrative officer, and the CAO's performance appraisal form is completed by members of council.

In addition to evaluations done by the fire department for new firefighters, the township will conduct performance appraisals for firefighters every two years.

Some changes to language in the policy include the addition of a "wellness check" dealing with employee job satisfaction, growth, participation, etc.

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First day

Minden resident **Kelly Taylor** kisses goodbye to her five-yearold son, Baylen, at the Ontario **Early Years** Centre Children's **Learning Centre** in Minden on Tuesday. Baylen was going into senior kindergarten at **Archie Stouffer** Elementary School, on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Taylor dropped her son off at the day care centre to ease with the school transition and so he could walk to his school, which is steps away. More on page 3./ DARREN LUM Staff

Bob Lake residents to construct launch

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

A group of Bob Lake residents intend to construct a boat launch on a property along the narrows opening into the lake south of

A public meeting regarding the proposal was held in Minden Hills council chambers on Aug. 31.

The two-hectare property is currently

zoned shoreline residential and will need to be rezoned as site-specific open space exception 10.

The launch is to be used by 15 families, but one lake resident told councillors she had concerns it could end up being many more than that, if the property owners decided to operate the facility commercially.

"We are concerned the site may become a commercial enterprise," she said. She also pointed to safety concerns around boat traf-

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fic and swimmers, since the launch would be located in the narrows.

She also said the area was spawning ground for fish, but did add many of her concerns had been alleviated after talking to residents involved in the launch project.

"We feel a whole lot better about it now," she told council.

The launch is to be gated and used only by the 15 landowners involved, as well as a

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Changes include long-form evaluation every three years

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Changes also include a new, short-form appraisal form for regular township employees, with a traditional, long-form evaluation to be performed every three years, except in cases where there have been performance issues.

Flood costs township an unbudgeted \$170,000

The township incurred unbudgeted expenses totalling \$170,000 during severe flooding in May. These costs include an insurance deductible of \$50,000, nearly \$30,000 in employee overtime pay, and a host of other expenses including equipment rentals, engineering costs, extra fuel, etc.

Under Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance, an unexpected natural event must result in costs totalling a minimum of three per cent of a municipality's own-purpose taxation levy. In the case of Minden Hills, this would mean an amount of just more than \$190,000, meaning that the flood expenses don't qualify for funding.

"The bottom line is we have to pay for this," township treasurer and chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard told councillors.

Councillors decided to find the money by transferring funds from various municipal reserve accounts and by deferring some costs to the 2018 budget. While deferring or cancel-



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- CAO LORRIE BLANCHARD **ON FLOOD RELATED EXPENSES**



ling some 2017 projects yet to be completed was also an option, councillors decided against that route.

"Deferring projects, kicking them down the road, doesn't do us any favour," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

Terry Fox Run planned for Sept. 17 in Minden

The 24th annual Minden Terry Fox Run will take place Sunday, Sept. 17, with registration at the Minden Hills Community Centre at 9 a.m. The run starts at 9:30 a.m. In 23 years, the Minden run has raised more than \$260,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation, which funds cancer research.

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'We were asked to solve our own problem'

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small group of renters, to be limited to four

It is not zoned for and will not be used for commercial purposes, the involved landowners have said.

"We were asked to solve our own problem," one lake resident told council. She added there are some but not many properties for sale on the lake, and that 15 families using one boat launch seemed more desirable for the environment than 15 new boat launches

Last year, the owner of the Bob Lake property that houses a long-used boat launch barricaded the launch to the public.

For many years, there was a misunderstanding, including by Minden Hills township, that the launch was publicly owned.

However, it is located on private property and, citing litigious concerns, the owner blocked off access to the site with a chain barrier and, later, a line of flagstones. This was done after many boats had already been put in the water for the season.

boats were being held hostage on Bob Lake. There is no public launch on the water body.

The township eventually came to an agreement with the property owner and, during a 11-day period near Thanksgiving of last year, residents were permitted to use the launch to remove their vessels.

A staff report showed the cost for that process was approximately \$9,300.

The township paid \$2,500 to the landowner for access to the launch during the 11-day period. It also paid nearly \$3,000 to Greg Bishop Surveying, nearly \$1,700 to Russell, Christie, LLP for legal fees and more than \$2,200 to Kawartha Security Guard Service for on-site security during the 11-day window.

The cost did not include the staff time that was spent dealing with the issue. In the end, only about 20 boats were removed during that period, as part of the flagstone barrier had previously been removed.

While the township has been working on a long-term strategy during last winter, it was unable to achieve one, leaving residents to their own devices.

Councillors will make a decision on the Residents came to council, saying their boat launch proposal at a Sept. 28 meeting.

CFUW open to new members

The Canadian Federation of University Women - Haliburton Highlands is holding its first meeting of the season on Thursday,

The organization is a non-profit non-governmental organization that focuses on giving women and girls in our community and around the world a helping hand and a global

The local chapter organizes all kinds of activities including snowshoeing and hiking, talking about books, playing bridge and hold-

The CFUW is always open to new members and accepts all women (post-secondary education not required).

The group has monthly speakers come in and raises money for two \$500 bursaries that are given to deserving female students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Haliburton School of Art and Design.

There are nearly 10,000 women in more

than 100 CFUW clubs across Canada. CFUW is an affiliate of Graduate Women International, an organization that provides a global voice for women graduates working for the adoption and implementation of international agreements that will protect and benefit all women and girls.

Haliburton Highlands' CFUW chapter meets on the third Thursday of the month beginning on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Great Hall at Haliburton School of Art and Design.

Wilma Thomson will be leading the group through a gentle introduction to Tai Chi. Then, over light refreshments, they will have an opportunity to mix and mingle and to sign up for a variety of interest groups. Finally, the group will discuss the monthly speakers and activities planned for the year.

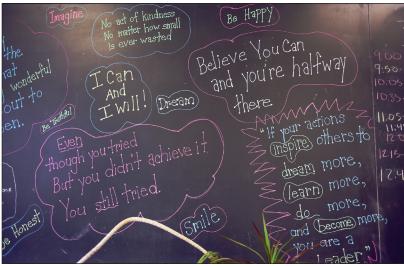
Membership fee is \$85.

Need more information? Email Laura at cfuwhh@gmail.com



They were born to drum

Minden Hills fibre artist Laura Trach strikes her djembe - an African drum - at the Born to Drum workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. The workshop was part of Haliburton Drumfest, which included a procession with music, costumes in Head Lake Park, a free concert and concluded with the giant drum circle on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 2. /DARREN



Words and phrases of encouragement are left on the blackboard of an Archie Stouffer Elementary School classroom for students about to start their first day of the 2017-2018 school year on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Hundreds of students across the county started school this past Tuesday. Drivers are reminded to drive with care in areas close to schools./DARREN LUM Staff

These dog statues outside a home on Water Street regularly change their attire to suit the occasion. The first day back to school was no exception.





A new school year begins

Archie Stouffer Elementary School teachers Michelle Kernohan and Darlene Hill hug one another on the first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5.



Seven-year-old Jason Danilko shows off his tie, which was part of his first day of school ensemble. The Grade 2 student is among hundreds of students in the county that started school.

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

MEETINGS & EVENTS

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{PUBLIC WELCOME} \\ \textbf{Sept 14} - 9:00 \text{ am, COTW Meeting, Minden Council Chambers} \\ \textbf{Sept 28} - 9:00 \text{ am, Regular Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers} \end{array}$

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills is selling land by Public Tender. Deadline for submissions is September 29, 2017 on or before 3:00 pm. Please visit http://mindenhills.ca/tenders/ for more information or contact the Tax Collector at 705-286-1260, ext. 201.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Clerks Department has issued RFP #17-02 – for an Economic Development Strategic Plan. Submission deadline is September 12, 2017 by 12:00 noon. A public opening will be held the same day at 12:30 pm in the Administration Building 2nd floor boardroom. For more information or to view the Proposal document, visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - TEMPORARY SEASONAL OPERATOR

The Community Services Department is currently seeking a **Temporary Seasonal Operator**. Submission deadline is September 15, 2017 by 12:00 noon. Visit www.mindenhills.ca/ employment-opportunities/ for full details.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Environmental & Property Operations Department has issued RFT #17-03 – for Janitorial Services for the Township of Minden Hills. A mandatory site visit is scheduled for Sept 13, 2017 at 9:00 am. Contact the Environmental & Property operations Manager at 705-286-1260 ext. 216 for information. Submission deadline is September 25, 2017 by 12:00 noon. A public opening will be held the same day at 1:30 pm in the Administration Building 2nd floor boardroom. For more information or to view the Tender document, visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/.

Parents frustrated by school board bus policy

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

It's the first week for many students across the province to go back to school, or to walk through the front doors of school for the first

Across the county, parents - some more so than their students - are nervous as their children get onto a bus that seems to swallow them whole, or step into a classroom filled with other first-time kindergarteners.

But for Minden residents Jamie and Carol Walker, the nerves have less to do with taking transportation, or the newness of an unfamiliar classroom, and more with the route their four-year-old son, Bobby, would need to walk in order to attend school - junior kindergarten (JK) – for the first time.

The Walkers live on Deep Bay Road, about 1.2 kilometres from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, in the farmhouse Jamie grew up in. When he was a boy, the bus stopped at the end of his driveway to pick Jamie up for school. Nowadays, although a bus route passes his house each day, Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) policy states that students from JK to Grade 8 living within 1.6 kilometres of a school are ineligible for bus pick-up.

"My whole childhood career, I was picked up at the end of the driveway," said Walker. "Now we're going backwards in time. Back in those days we were supposed to be tough children, which we weren't. And now that we're protecting our children even more, now they're driving right by."

The TLDSB walking distances, which also require students from Grade 9 to Grade 12 to walk to school if they live 3.2 km from the school building, have been in place since a common transportation policy was implemented following the amalgamation of the Haliburton, Muskoka and Victoria school boards in September 2000. The walk to bus stop distance was reduced from 3.2 km to 1.6 km for secondary students and from 1.6 km to 0.8 km for elementary students in September 2006.

The Walkers have expressed their concern about the route Bobby would have to walk, which they said is in a 70 km/h zone with no shoulders, and is a major route that passes the emergency entrance to the hospital and helipad. They've reached out to the school board, the school board trustee, and MPP Laurie Scott's office. They said that their school board trustee, Gary Brohman, empathized with the situation and offered suggestions, and Scott's office noted that transpor-



Jamie and Carol Walker are not impressed that their four-yearold son Bobby, entering junior kindergarten this year, is expected to walk to **Archie Stouffer** Elementary School from their home along Deep Bay Road.

/SUE TIFFIN Staff

tation decisions are made at the local school board level.

"[The school board has] absolutely dug in their heels and said to me they see nothing unsafe with that," said Jamie. "How can you tell me it's safe for him to walk to school? Now if an air ambulance is coming in, or just a driving ambulance, police cars - I think it's pretty overwhelming for a four-year-old child myself. I don't want anybody in trouble, but has common sense just gone totally by the wayside?"

The school board responded to questions from the Minden Times through email by their communications department.

"Driveway entrances are not considered a safety concern as students walking to school or to the bus stop pass driveway entrances daily," read the email. "The Board's responsibility for students who are not eligible for transportation on a school bus will commence with the student's entrance to the school and will terminate with the student's exit from the school. The Board assumes no responsibility for students between their home and the school. Parents/guardians are responsible for getting students safely to and from school if the student is not eligible for transportation." With Jamie working out of town, and Carol working an 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. shift, the Walkers have relied on family in the past to help drive their kids to school. They said they began discussing the situation with the school board when Carol was pregnant with Bobby four years ago, hoping the bus that goes by their house could stop at the end of their driveway, like the high school bus does

now for their older son. The Walkers have resisted sending Bobby to walk to school, by securing continued help from family and with Carol's employer granting a change in working hours to allow her time in the morning to drop Bobby at school before driving to the office in Haliburton, but they said that strain on their daily life could be avoided.

"That doesn't give Carol a lot of time," said Jamie. "That puts her...racing."

"We've heard many stories where they've had to change their family routines to get their kids to a bus stop down the road because the bus won't stop," said Carol. "As a parent, I'm concerned about my child's safety, and that should be No. 1. All they care about is that kilometre distance and it boggles my mind. That's all I keep hearing in the emails and on the phone, is the kilometres, and we're shy, what, point four kilometres?"

Jamie said that since reaching out to others, some suggestions that have been offered include moving the 911 sign at the end of their driveway down the road on their property, or that the kids take a shortcut through a field that he said is filled with six feet of snow in the winter. 'Even my place being 1.2 kilometres away, that means my four-year-old has to walk 2.4 km in the dead of winter," said Jamie. "Four years old is pretty young to start school to begin with, and then to add that on a 30 below morning ... I'm not asking for a miracle, the bus goes right by my door and it's totally safe to be picked up, there's no issues with the driveway."

Jamie said the bus driver who passes the Walkers' driveway told him there are about eight kids on her bus, with a capacity of 24.

TLDSB staff visited the Walkers to confirm the actual distance from the house to the school, but Jamie said there's a discrepancy between what he measured as far as walking route and what the school board measured.

The school board communications department won't comment on individual cases, but said they take all concerns seriously and address them according to policy and procedure.

"As per the transportation procedure, walking distances are determined from where the student's driveway meets the year round municipally maintained road or where the municipally unmaintained road meets the year round municipally maintained road," read the email from the TLDSB communications department in response. The TLDSB buses in excess of 12,900 students annually. In Haliburton County, 1,410 elementary students and 439 secondary students attend school, with 1,522 of those students being eligible for transportation. At ASES, 415 students attend the school, and 366 students are eligible for transportation.

A press release issued by the Haliburton Highlands OPP on Aug. 25 reminded drivers to be aware of school buses back on the roads as the school year starts, and also to drive safely around students walking to and from school.

"Many children walk and bike to school and motorists should also be aware of the increased pedestrian traffic and to be ready to stop at all times as children do not always notice oncoming traffic," read the release.









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Ghosts

HOSTS ARE REAL.
There are a number of them in Haliburton County, hiding in plain sight.
They really aren't difficult to find, often lurking around the shores of lakes.

One sits silently along Highway 35, at the nexus of Twelve Mile and Mountain lakes. Darkened windows and peeling paint, buildings beginning to dilapidate.

Another, perhaps the county's most famous, still stands watch over Lake Kashagawigamog, a silent leviathan.

At the peak of the resort era, a halfcentury or more ago now, there were well over a dozen

resorts and lodges on Lake Kashagawigamog alone. Dozens more dotted the county. Now, but a proverbial handful remain.

The way many families vacation has changed substantially since the resort heyday, when the same families would go to the same resorts during the same weeks of each summer, often catching up with other families who did the same thing. While that tradition may continue at some of the county's remaining resorts, it's one that has largely died out.

Like so many other industries, the resort industry has been impacted by the Internet and globalization during the past couple of decades. It's now possible to take your family of four on a weeklong, allinclusive trip to the Caribbean for virtually the same price as spending a week in the Haliburton Highlands.

In more recent years, the rise of the sharing economy and websites such as Airbnb have further dissipated lodge culture, as many families opt for the

privacy and flexible pricing of renting cottages owned by other families.

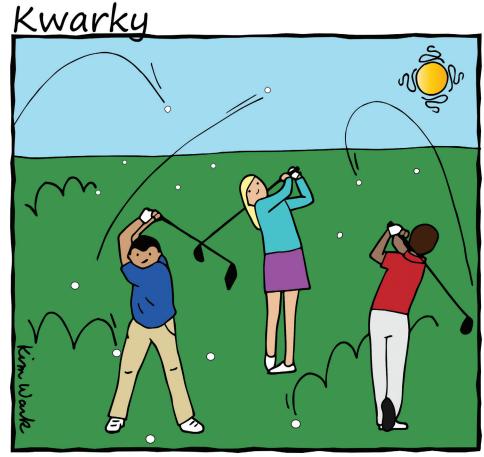
While some of the community's remaining resorts will continue to operate for decades to come, the grand resort era that built the county's

tourism economy during the first half of the 20th century is over forever.

Most of the defunct resorts sit on prime, waterfront property and it is likely that in coming years, as more and more people retire to the community, those sites will be redeveloped into condominiums and subdivisions.

For now, these silent giants simply sit, decades of bustling summers belied by their overgrown lawns and fading facades.

If you drive by at dusk, you can almost hear them calling



Free Range Golfers

Charged

STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

E DON'T OFTEN admit to this, but there is no greater badge of honour for an outdoorsman than to be charged by a wild animal and then to live to tell the tale.

That's why I'm happy to report that yesterday I experienced that very thing. It was a fairly large red squirrel too.

Before I begin to embellish the tale, let me just say that I have been charged by other wild animals before. In fact, my list is quite extensive. It includes green-winged teal, grey squirrel, pigeon, mourning dove,

mouse, common vole, grouse, woodcock, bat, robin, house sparrow, chickadee, garter snake, grasshopper, mayfly, carpenter ant, black fly and now this.

Each instant had two things in common – first, I wasn't asking for trouble and second, I kept my wits about me. And despite what witnesses to these incidents might tell you, yelping should not be added the list. I didn't do that in two cases

As animal charges go, the red squirrel incident was particularly frightening since this one looked like he was having a bad day already.

I was minding my own business, collecting acorns to use as deer bait later in the season when that squirrel started showing all the classic signs it was about to charge.

Ears went back, the hackles on the back of the neck rose, teeth were bared, back was bowed. I did all these things and the squirrel kept advancing anyway.

I considered yelping and climbing the nearest tree, but the squirrel was already occupying it.

I then reverted to plan B, which included raising my arms – not so much to make

myself big as to let the aggressive animal know that my deodorant was quickly giving out. Again, the fearless beast continued to advance.

At a time like this, you have to stay calm and evaluate the situation. You also have to ask yourself the tough questions such as, "Can I outrun the animal?" Or "What part of me will the animal attack first?"

The answer to the first might have been yes had I not had a second serving of dessert.

That left me to address the second question, and to do that correctly you need to

understand the animal's natural prey. That's when I came to the unsettling conclusion that the natural prey of red squirrels is seed, fungi and nuts.

It was the last item that caused me to assume a lesser known defensive position, which, though effective, did not leave me with any free hand to fend off impending attacks on other parts of my body.

Luckily, the squirrel chose to do what is known by outdoors-

men as a bluff charge.

This is a charge that stops shy of the mark and shows that the animal in question probably also had a second serving of dessert or is

blown charge.
So there I was trying not to make direct eye contact with a chattering red squirrel less than three feet away. The only thing to do was stand my ground – which was admittedly easier than trying to run through the woods in

too lazy to put in the effort required for a full

the defensive posture I had assumed.
I also dropped the acorns and slowly backed up, just to show it who was boss.

Of course, right now some of you might be thinking that I have exaggerated the danger of this encounter just a tad.

To which I say, guilty as charged.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

To code or not to code

CHOOL DAYS, school days, good old fashioned ... Reading and writing and 'rithmetic and coding. Coding apparently is the hottest trend in education. Or, more accurately, coding is what Silicon Valley's digital masterminds are trying to make the hottest trend.

Coding should be a requirement in every public school," Apple CEO Tim Cooke told a gathering of top-drawer techies at the U.S. White House recently.

Coding is a set of instructions telling a computer what you want it to do. Computers run on binary code – combinations of ones and zeros. To put all the ones and zeros in the right order for a computer to understand, you have to learn programming languages such as Python, Ruby, Java, C++ and others.

High-tech advocates of coding have been raising tens of millions of dollars to persuade governments to make coding mandatory in school curriculum. Their argument is that millions of future jobs will require advanced computer knowledge and skills.

British Columbia, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia already have made learning coding a mandatory part of their curriculums. Ontario and Saskatchewan have included it as an option.

Some people question whether the high tech industry simply is trying to

sway governments to serve its own interests.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

We live in the digital age so it is important that tomorrow's workers have a high level of computer literacy. However, there is much hype behind the high-tech industry's campaign to have coding learning become mandatory in all schools.

Some advocates say learning coding has become as important as learning to read and write. Coding teaches people how to think, they argue.

Perhaps, but let's not get carried away. Most of us have learned how to think without knowing how to code, and we got that learning through reading, writ-

ing and talking to each other.

We should be careful not to let the computer age lessen the importance of basic reading and writing skills. It already has in many ways.

Our communication skills have declined in the computer age. We have less time to read, speak too often with abbreviations (LOL,TMI, OMG, FYI) and tech talk phrases, and have less face-to-face communication.

Social media, which has created important communications channels, allows us to take in and spread more information. Regretfully, too much social networking information lacks depth, is missing context, or is not factual.

Declining communications skills are seen every day in our political and other community leaders. Many lack the skills needed to speak or write clearly and precisely what they want to tell their followers. The result often is confu-

Obviously it is important for people today to have a basic knowledge of computers because so many of our daily activities are connected to computers. That does not mean that we all need to learn computer coding, or that computer coding is a must for all elementary school kids.

Most of us drive automobiles but learning how to drive was not part of our elementary schooling. What we were taught in school were math, physics, biology, English grammar and other subjects that would help us to understand and learn the individual skills needed for driving a vehicle.

Those and other school study subjects remain important in developing understanding and skills for work in the computer age. For most kids, a general knowledge and understanding of computerization is all they need and all that the schools should be teaching.

Learning coding should not be a high priority for all school kids and we should not be diverting education money away from traditional subjects to

Options can be provided in higher grades for kids who show a serious bent towards computer careers.

The high-tech world entices us with wizard talk about how it can make our world better. It has in many ways, but we need to be skeptical and ask pointed questions. The drive to have all children learn coding is a case in point.

So when corporate sloganeers spin ideas with buzzwords such as 'Thinking Outside the Box, "we need to pause, look them in the eye and say "Ditch the box. Just think.'

Our true foundation

LOVE FEET. They are the strongest part of our bodies, and they are often the most under appreciated, and sometimes abused. There was a time when I wore shoes that didn't fit well but matched the rest of my outfit. True story. Thankfully, those days are long gone.

Our feet are our foundation. When we stand, they are there to support us. When we move, they take the impact of the rest of our body. The tiny nerves threaded through our feet give our brain information so that we can keep our balance and stay upright. We tend to not pay them a lot of attention, until there is something wrong. Let's turn this around, and start a "Foot Celebration"!

Kick off your shoes and socks right now. Now, spread your toes. Make note of the mobility you do or don't have. Point your toes to stretch out the tops of your feet, and then flex them upward. It feels good doesn't it?

Now stand up, and look down. Lift your toes off the ground by rolling back on your heels. Spread your toes in that position, and roll forward so your weight is evenly distributed all across your entire foot. Look forward, roll shoulders back and down, engage your abs and your glutes, and let your arms relax at the sides of your body. Take a deep breath and focus on that strong foundation your feet are giving you. How incredible does that feel? When we take a moment like this it's truly easy to appreciate how important our feet are.

Next – let's show them some love. Take a seat and grab a foot. Squeeze your heel, and then move your hand toward your toes slowly. Stop at the arch to massage it. Feels good doesn't it?! Next spend some time massaging the bottom of your foot at the base of the toes. Next, grab

each toe individually and give it a bit of a pull and a wiggle. Free them up a bit. So much of our balance starts right there. Repeat all of this loving on your other foot. Give some extra attention to any areas that feel tight.

Here are some exercises you can do to keep your feet happy and healthy:

· Walk around barefoot for five minutes – in a safe

LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

- · Stand on a towel on a flat surface and scrunch it up with your toes.
- Walk around on your heels for a couple of minutes.
- Balance and/or walk on your toes for a couple of minutes.
 - Stretch your calf muscles.
- Roll a ball under your foot to loosen up tight places.

Doing a couple of these exercises on a regular basis keeps your feet functioning well. It truly is worth giving your feet the time and attention. The rest of your body will thank you for it.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness:www.thepointforfitness.com.

Annual golf tournament coming up

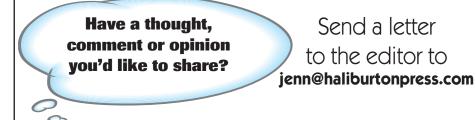


Coming Events

Sept. 8: 7:30 to 11 p.m., Karaoke with Fred and Linda. This fills up quickly, so come early. Sept. 10: Sunday Euchre, 12 p.m. come for a delicious lunch, and great prizes. On Sept 12, it is our annual golf tournament. It is held at Beaverbrook Golf Course, a 12 p.m. shotgun, four-person scramble. \$50 per person, includes cart, barbecue and prizes after at the branch. Everyone is welcome, so sign up at the Legion. Always a great day. Starting Saturday, Sept. 9, our meat draw will be held at 1 p.m. Our membership for 2018 is open on Sept. 1. Sign up between then and Nov. 30 to qualify for our early bird draw for a free membership for 2019. Also, if you are an early bird you get a special rate of only \$45 which after Nov. 30 will be \$50.

Would you answer this ad? Working and living conditions on this project are as difficult as those encountered on any construction job ever done in the United States or foreign territory. Men hired for this job will be required to work and live under the most extreme conditions imaginable. Temperature will range between 90 degrees above zero to 70 degrees below zero. Men will have to fight swamps, rivers, ice and cold. Mosquitoes, flies and gnats will not only be annoying but will cause bodily harm. If you are not prepared to work under these conditions. Do not apply. This ad appeared in several U.S newspapers in early 1943. Men did apply, attracted by good wages. This was known as the secret Canol Project. This was to be a safe route for transporting personnel and supplies from mainland US to Alaska. That meant building a road through Canada's Yukon.

Welcome to fall in the most beautiful county in Ontario for colours. Stop in at the branch for a cool one or lunch. Everyone is welcome



Resident wants county to consider four-wheel drive ambulances

Times Staff

Gwen Bryant was picking up her friend Nancy Cook for an afternoon of shopping and appointments in Haliburton village this past January when she found her sprawled on the ground at the bottom of her steps.

It's assumed that Nancy, who was 91 years old, was sweeping off her front steps when she fell down the stairs, hitting her head and breaking both her wrists in the

Gwen quickly called 911 and her son Tim, who lived nearby Nancy's home on Bat Lake Road. According to Gwen and Tim, when the ambulance came it backed into a snowbank and got stuck in Nancy's driveway. When Tim went to help set the truck free, he learned that it was equipped with rear-wheel drive. "I'm amazed that up here it isn't four-wheel drive," he said.

Both Gwen and Tim said the ambulance getting stuck didn't end up having an impact on Nancy's life. By the time the first responders treated Nancy and got her ready to load into the ambulance, Tim, firefighters and other workers who arrived on scene were able to free the vehicle from the snowbank. After being taken to hospitals in Minden, Lindsay and Toronto, Nancy eventually died



Having a two—wheel drive ambulance in a place that gets four feet of snow or more isn't going to help.

— ALAN COOK

"It wouldn't have saved my mother ... but it could save someone else," said Nancy's son Alan. After learning that the ambulances in Haliburton were only equipped with rear-wheel drive, Alan thinks there needs to be a change. "Having a two-wheel drive ambulance in a place that gets four feet of snow or more isn't going to help," he said.

"If I didn't live in town ... I'd be a little worried that the [ambulance] would be able to come and collect me if I fell or had a stroke."

There are currently six ambulances operating in the county, all of which have rear-wheel drive. If an ambulance gets stuck, the fire department and a tow truck are called on scene to help.

Tim Waite, the county's director of paramedic services, says ambulances don't get stuck frequently. "It doesn't happen often, but given the weather we had last year it can happen ... It's part of what we deal with in the climate

According to Waite, each year the county purchases a new ambulance. When he asked a salesperson at Crestline Coach, the company that Haliburton County buys its ambulances from, about four-wheel drive options, Waite said he was told they are uncommon in Ontario and that Crestline doesn't sell or make many.

Along with a higher price, Waite said that four-wheel drive options wouldn't be suitable for the county because they're less fuel efficient, which would have an impact over the lengthy distances emergency services travels across the county. Waite added that the trip in a fourwheel drive ambulance wouldn't be as smooth for the pa-

"The ride is not as comfortable, the fuel consumption is a lot more so it makes it a lot more expensive to run, and maintenance is a lot more expensive," he said.

If the county were to move to the four-wheel option, Waite said they would have to replace all of the current rear-wheel ambulances. Waite explained that the closest ambulance responds when a call is made, so there'd be no way to guarantee that a four-wheel drive ambulance was sent out to the locations where it would be most necessary.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said in his time as the chair of county council's EMS committee, he has never heard of a case where emergency services hasn't been able to get to a patient.



Kinmount Lions Club president J.C. Lagrange presents Guy Scott, right, with the Kinmount Citizen of the Year award during the opening day of this year's Kinmount Fair on Sept. 1.

Guy Scott named Kinmount Citizen of the Year

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Kinmount Fair director and perennial community volunteer and promoter Guy Scott was named Kinmount's Citizen of the Year during the opening day of this year's fair on Sept. 1.

The award is given out by the Kinmount Lions Club each year to a resident who contributes to the community through their volunteer activities.

A teacher, historian and author, Scott has written books about the area, helps produce community newsletter the Kinmount Gazette, is a friend of Santa Claus, a member of the Friends of Galway and other community and historical organizations. He is involved in many Kinmount events and projects and promotes the community wherever he goes.

"I actually wear Kinmount on my hat," Scott said as he accepted the honour. "I'm very proud of my community."

Scott stressed the importance of volunteerism.

"Volunteerism is what makes small communities," he said, adding, "Noah's Ark was built by volunteers . . . the Titanic was built by professionals."



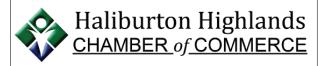




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Minden Hills growing demographically older

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Minden Hills township's population is growing, and growing older, according to the 2016 census.

"This is showing a trend of retiring cottagers," said Minden Hills planner Ian Clendening, as he presented data to councillors during an Aug. 31 meeting.

Minden Hills' population increased by approximately 500 people between 2011 and 2016, from 5,655 to 6,088.

That's an increase of 7.7 per cent, making Minden Hills the fastest growing municipality in Haliburton County.

It edged out Algonquin Highlands, which saw population growth of 7.5 per cent during the same period. Dysart et al and Highlands East experienced increases of 5.3 per cent and 2.9 per cent, respectively.

This rate of growth is much quicker than what had been anticipated for Minden Hills. While the township's official plan projected year-round population growth between 500 and 800 people during a 20year period, "in five years, we have gotten that 500."

The majority of new residents were between the ages of 55 and 74.

"That means that this municipality is getting much older, as well as more populated," Clendening said.

The median age is Minden Hills is about 57 years old and population forecasts from the Ministry of Finance show that median age is expected to continue to rise in coming decades. The census data also shows fewer young people in the township, particularly those below the age of 20.

As for the composition of individual households, the census shows that nearly half of households in Minden Hills - 48 per cent – are compromised of two people. Single-person households are the next most common, at 28 per cent. Three person households make up 12 per cent of all households, four-person households eight. Four per cent of households in Minden Hills contain five or more people.



Kinmount names ambassadors

This year's Kinmount Fair junior ambassador Chloe Crawford, left, and ambassador Katie Bowins stand with their sashes after a competition on Sept. 1. This year marked the 39th year of the Kinmount Fair's ambassador contest. The winner represents the fair at a number of events throughout Ontario during the year. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

MH to explore septic inspection options

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors have asked for a report on types of septic re-inspection programs the township may undertake.

The province has mandated that municipalities create programs for the re-inspection of septic tanks of 10,000 litres or less. Some of the county's municipalities already have programs in place.

In Highlands East, council voted to hire environmental studies students for data collection, the students performing a rating of septic systems.

Tanks that are deemed high-risk have an on-site inspection performed by the municipality. The process started with evaluations of waterfront properties this year. The program is only assessing waterfront properties for now.

In Algonquin Highlands, the township has hired firm WSP Canada, which will perform lid-off septic inspections through



I think I'd like to see some of it done in house

— COUNCILLOR PAM SAYNE

appointments with property owners. That program will begin next year, with the township charging residents \$180 per inspection to offset costs.

"I want to start next year on some form of it," said Reeve Brent Devolin during an Aug. 31 Minden Hills council meeting.

Chief building official and bylaw officer Colin McKnight said he would like to issue a request for proposals, to see just what types of services companies who perform inspections might offer.

McKnight expressed hesitance about using students to do the work.

"Sometimes, I'm not sure that's the best way to go," he said.

"I think I'd like to see some of it done in house," said Councillor Pam Sayne, adding that could help the municipality save on program costs.

However, Devolin said the township would definitely need assistance with the workload.

"It requires more labour than we have available, that's a fact," he said.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon said she would like to see full, open-tank inspections, like the ones that will be performed in Algonquin Highlands.

Councillors agreed that starting with the most sensitive areas - waterfront properties – made the most sense.

Sayne also pointed out that the program will require some residents to install new septic systems, which may cause financial hardship for some, and said the township should be taking that into consideration, perhaps creating some kind of fund from

Council requested a staff report detailing how different inspection models might flush out in Minden Hills.



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Having a heyday on the midway

Above, children ride the carousel at the Kinmount Fair on Sept. 1. The fair includes three days of rides, food, vendors and entertainment during the Labour Day weekend. Left, a young man tests his strength at the midway /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Right, the Kinmount Fair defies Below, summer is flying by for these childrem, enjoying rides at the midway before heading back to school.



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A family plays a fishing game at the midway at the Kinmount Fair on Sept. 1.



Issue Dates: September 26th (The Haliburton County Echo), September 28th (The Minden Times and County Life).

This special annual supplement will provide an overview of the 30th annual Studio Tour, the Colour Fest celebration and everything the Highlands has to offer during the fall colour season....

For more information contact.

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Rounding up the summer

Above and above right, Maggie Harris sings with Two Bit Threesome Plus One band at the Adult Day Program Rodeo on Thursday, Aug. 31 in the Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden. There were close to 55 people who came for the annual end of summer celebration.

Right, John Clarke, 92, and his wife Jean, who raised their family in Irondale and have eight children, 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one greatgreat-grandchild, were all smiles.

/DARREN LUM Staff



SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING **VACANT LAND (LOT 6 OF PLAN 333)**

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (PLZBA2017058)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendmentappliestoLot6ofPlan333andlocated in Part of Lot 20, Concession 4, in the Geographic Township of Snowdon (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

Key Map 500 Meter

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Shoreline Residential (SR). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Shoreline Residential Exception Sixty-Two (SR-62) Zone which would allow a forest access road as a permitted means of access. The effect of the amendment would recognize the property as having sufficient access and allow for the development of the property in accordance with the underlying provisions of the Shoreline

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING - PLZBA2017058

Thursday, September 28, 2017 Date:

Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario Location:

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

DATED this 7th day of September, 2017 Ian Clendening 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359 Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

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IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described

- 1. File No. PLSRA2016051: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-1011, registered August 10, 2017.
- 2. File No. PLSRA2017012: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bow Lake, lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10012, registered August 14, 2017.
- 3. File No. PLSRA2017015: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bow Lake, lying in front of Lot 18, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10012, registered August 14, 2017.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for

consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

ANY PERSON wishing to comment on the proposed closing and sale is requested to submit comments to the undersigned or e-mail iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this September 7, 2017

Kash resident asks township to take action on dock

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

A Lake Kashawigamog resident is asking Minden Hills township to do something about a large dock on the lake he says violates Minden Hills bylaws.

For the past two summers, Larry McLean lief that the dock exceeded size restrictions told councillors that a large docking system has been set up between neighbouring properties along Grandview Lane, the dock jutting out into the bay in front of his home.

McLean told council during its Aug. 31 meeting that township staff had inspected the situation last fall, and confirmed his belaid out in Minden Hills bylaws.

According to McLean, the dock was to be brought into compliance with township bylaws as of last October.

However, he told council the unaltered dock has been placed back in the lake this

What's more, McLean said the neighbouring two cottages, which are rented out, are advertised as being able to accommodate a collective 18 people. He said renters often operate watercraft, although they appear not to know how to, and that this year, his pontoon boat was rammed by a boat operated by a renter.

"These people have no idea of how to manoeuvre a boat," he said, adding he was glad his grandchildren weren't swimming in the area at the time, and suggesting that someone would eventually get hurt.

"We feel we are now living next to a resort, and it's not zoned commercial," McLean told councillors. He said that if the bylaw was not enforced, he's concerned other such docking systems will proliferate throughout the township.

"We thank you for your input . . . and it will be part of our deliberations, as to what we do with this matter," said Reeve Brent Devolin, adding that municipal process can sometimes move slowly.

The issue of short-term rentals has become a hot topic in cottage country communities during the past couple years, and some municipalities are creating a process to licence and monitor private rentals.

McLean wanted to know how long it would be before the dock was dealt with.

"Bottom line, what is your estimation?" he asked Devolin.

"I decline to give one, sir," Devolin said.

OPP responds to 103 calls

The Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police responded to 103 calls for service over the past week.

These investigations included seven alarms, two animal complaints, four domestic disputes, one neighbour dispute, four noise complaints. one threat, one trespass to property act, 11 non-emergency 911 calls, 10 police assistance/ information calls, two thefts/mischiefs, two frauds, seven traffic complaints and other police related calls for service.

Eight criminal charges were laid as a result of two domestic investigations.

Officers also responded to 12 motor vehicle collisions where one involved striking deer.

Officers conducted 10 RIDE programs in the area.

Impaired driver

On Aug. 26, at approximately 3:51 p.m., a member of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was on general patrol in the area of Highland Street in Haliburton.

The officer observed a blue SUV and initiated a traffic stop.

The officer determined the female driver of the vehicle had consumed alcohol. A roadside screening test was administered and the driver registered a fail. She was placed under arrest and was transported to the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment for further testing.

A 29-year-old woman from Algonquin Highlands has been charged with impaired operation of a vehicle, driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in her system, driving with open liquor, disobeying a stop sign, following too closely and failing to surrender her insurance card.

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Oct. 4. Her driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle she was driving was impounded for seven days.

High speed driving results in stunt driving charge for two drivers

On Aug. 27, shortly after 2 p.m., a member

from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was conducting RADAR enforcement on Highway 35 near Moore Lake Estates in the Township of Minden Hills when they observed an southbound vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed and determined the speed to be 148 km/h in a posted 80km/h zone

As a result of the traffic stop, the male driver, a 42-year-old man from Vaughan, has been charged with racing a motor vehicle contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

On Aug. 27, shortly before 5:30 p.m., a member from the Haliburton Highlands OPP was conducting RADAR enforcement on Highway 35 near Deep Bay Road in Minden Hills when they observed a southbound vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed and determined the speed to be 144km/h in a posted 80km/h zone.

As a result of the traffic stop, the driver, a 52-vear-old man from Hamilton, has been charged with racing a motor vehicle contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

Both will appear in court at a later date to answer to the charges.

Their driver's licences have been suspended and their vehicles impounded for a period of seven days under the stunt driving legislation.

Speeding more than 50km/h over posted speed limit is considered stunt racing. Stunt driving was added to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act in 2007. The penalties for stunt driving also include a fine between \$2,000 and \$10,000 dollars, possible drivers' license suspension up to two years on first conviction.

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2018 Municipal Election

Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members

The Corporations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the Township of Minden Hills, the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East, are currently seeking interested applicants from professionals who are required to adhere to codes of standards of their profession, and other individuals with in depth knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 for appointment to a Joint Compliance Audit Committee.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee has full delegation of the authority in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, to address applications requesting an audit of a candidate's election campaign finances. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review applications and grant or reject audit requests
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the audit report
- Where indicated, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee will consist of members appointed by each Council. Committee members must have the ability to understand and apply the election campaign finance provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and should be considered impartial with respect to their ability to fulfill their responsibilities. Preference shall be given to candidates that have applicable experience in accounting, law, law enforcement and academics from related fields.

Preferred Qualifications:

- (a) Accounting and audit accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates;
- Academic college or university professors with expertise in political science or local government administration;
- Legal; and
- Other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the (d) Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Members of the public interested in serving on this Committee are asked to submit a resume, and covering letter, marked "Confidential" no later than Noon on September 25, 2017 to:

Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue P.O. Box 389 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 ccoulson@dysartetal.ca

For further information, please contact Cheryl Coulson, Clerk by email at ccoulson@dysartetal.ca

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When: Sept. 9, 10-5 and Sept. 10, 10-2 Where: Minden Community Centre Presented by Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

NOTICE for all the property owners on Bob Lake in Minden!

Bob Lake Association is having their charter meeting When: Sept 9 at 10 am.

Where: Haliburton Highlands Health Services auditorium on 6 McPherson Street in Minden

Please bring your own chair as there are only 50 chairs available.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, September 13, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Land Trust Discovery Days Tree Identification

When: Saturday September 16, 10:00 am to noon

Where: Haliburton Museum

Have you ever wondered how to tell a balsam from a spruce? You can learn to identify the trees of Haliburton County from expert Peter McElwain. Spend some time on the trails at the Haliburton Museum and hone your tree ID skills. Admission by donation. Please register in advance at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Therapeutic Touch Workshop Level 2 (Learn or Refresh)

When: Saturday September 16, 2017, 9 am - 5 pm For more information please contact Susan Keith, RN/ TTRT, 705 457 3981 or email ch.concepts@sympatico.ca

Heritage Day at Highland Grove

When: Sat. Sept. 16, 10 am - 3 pm

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or Zoe 705-448-9317

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Knowledge Circles

The Knowledge Circles Project invites citizens in The Land Between region to share their observations/knowledge of the land and build community relationships.

Saturday Events, from 10 am - 4 pm:

September 16 in Gravenhurst, Gravenhurst Centennial Centre, 101 Centennial Drive

October 14 in Buckhorn, Buckhorn Community Centre, 1801 Lakehurst Rd.

Registration is required (the event is free, including lunch): Contact Leora Berman at 705-457-4838 or info@ thelandbetween.ca or register online at knowledgecircles.

CARP, Haliburton Highlands Chapter #54, Free Info Series

River Cruising/Travel in Canada/Border Crossing

When: Sunday, September 17, 1-4 pm

Where: Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert

Road, Haliburton

Dessert/Tea/Coffee will be served For more information call: 705-457-3919

Take Back the Night

When: Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

Where: Haliburton high school athletic field

Starts with rally including guest speakers, spoken word poetry and music. At 7:30 p.m. a candlelight march and 8 p.m.closing exercise. For more information, visit

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Venture to new places at Doors Open Minden

by ROBERT MACKENZIE

Times Staff

The doors to some historic Minden buildings will open to the public Sept. 16, as the town holds its third Doors Open since 2009.

Doors Open is an event that started in France in 1984. The idea made its way to Ontario in 2000, when Toronto hosted the first Doors Open day in North America. The event sees historical and cultural sites in a community that may be unknown, or that people may be unable to visit, open their doors for the public to visit and learn about their history.

Doors Open first came to Minden in 2009. Because of the size of the community, the event cycles through one of the county's four municipalities every year. This year's festivities will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 16 and 17.

Elisha Weiss, Minden Hills community development co-ordinator, says Doors Open is a chance "for visitors and locals alike to basically get to see behind doors they passed by all the time and never give a second thought to."

This year's event showcases 18 locations in Minden. The Art Deco-style Minden Generating Station, owned and operated by Orillia Power Generation Corporation and generating electricity since 1935, is one of the places normally not open to the public participating in the event. Don Crowe's 57-year-old dairy memorabilia collection, featuring a foot operated milk machine and a 1931 milk truck, will also be open for a chance to see decades worth of collectibles. The Booth Street Projects sculpture studio, owned and operated by Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg, will host a group exhibition with local artists.

"It allows people to appreciate not only the building but the people themselves who make it their life mission to do that kind

of work," Weiss said.

Information on the event and the participating locations can be found online at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Events/Minden-Hills.aspx. There will also be brochures that provide the listings with descriptions, days they're open and a map, which will be available at the township offices along with the participating locations.



The Art Deco-style Minden Generating Station, owned and operated by Orillia Power Generation Corporation and generating electricity since 1935, is one of the places normally not open to the public participating in the event. /JENN WATT File photo

Annual scarecrow contest comes alive

Dorset News

Lee Ross burgesslt@me.com

School is back and that means we need to start watching out for school buses. Remember to stop when you see the flashing red lights and stop sign. Failure to do so can result in fines and it's also very dangerous.

With September comes Dorset's annual Scarecrow Contest. You can register your scarecrow by Sept. 21 at the Dorset Rec Centre, and photo day is Sept. 22. Everyone is encouraged to get in the spirit and dress up a scarecrow. That includes individuals, groups and businesses. Then from Oct.

2 to 21, go to the Rec Centre and cast your vote for your favourite scarecrow. The awards will be presented on Oct. 25.

Tai Chi Class: Mind ~ Body ~ Spirit ~ Health and Wellness. Learn to relax and energize with Tai Chi, Chi Kung and Meditation on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., fall session is Sept. 11 to Nov. 27, 12 weeks, no class Oct. 9 (Advanced Sword Class from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Beginners Welcome! Pre-registration is required. Classes are taught by Valerie Houston Peel of Temple Knights Holistic Martial Arts. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177. Cost for session is \$189 plus HST or \$15.75/class plus HST.

Are you wondering when the best time to visit Algonquin Park to see the fall colours is? Visit algonquinpark.on.ca for up-to-date information on when the best time to take a drive in

Happy birthday to Elaine Woolman and Rose Niedermyer. For birthdays or submissions send them to burgesslt@ me.com



August 27th- flat water and white water kayaking

September 10th- flat water canoeing

September 17th- flat water kayaking

Pre-registration is required as class sizes are limited



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information visit <u>www.mindenhills.ca/recreation</u>





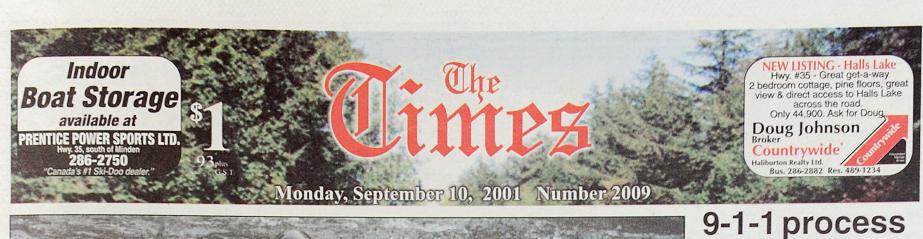


County of Haliburton Meeting Date Change for September Committees of Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the September Committee meetings will occur on Tuesday, September 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON. The published agendas for the above noted date can be viewed online at http://haliburton.civicweb.net.

Michael Rutter, CAO/County Clerk County of Haliburton

mrutter@county.haliburton.on.ca





GOING WITH THE FLOW: The Minden Wild Water Preserve was alive with activity this past weekend as paddlers converged on Minden for the annual Open Canoe Championships. This participant was caught on film Friday afternoon practicing his technique through the slalom course. Competitors spent Friday and Saturday getting a feel for the course, with the racing held all day Sunday. For more information and another photo, see page 9.





ENTHUSIASTIC PERFORMANCE: The final Music by the Gull conert was held August 31 on South Water Street in Minden. The Gentlemen of Song, under the direction of Marg Jeske, were featured, along with Womyn Out Loud, an all female choral group from Haliburton. As the photos above demonstrate, Marg, with accompanist Elsie Lewis, is an enthusiastic

moving ahead by Jerry Grozelle

Preliminary mapping for 9-1-1 in Haliburton County has been completed. That was part of Stephen Foster's report at the August meeting of Haliburton County Council. Foster noted that there are some changes to be made and the final road naming has yet to be completed.

Foster suggested that each township form a road naming committee, which would review the names and report back to council.

The county has 101 property owners' associations and Foster's assistants had contacted 90 of those associations as of late August. "Things aren't going as smoothly as we had hoped regarding contact with the lake associations," he said. "But we have come a long way."

Foster expressed the concern about roads that are named after a resident. He said there could be conflicts which could result in delays in the process.

"There will be conflicts," he said. "That's part of the reason for forming road naming committees."

Foster admits that the process is not

(more on page 15)



conductor who works hard to encourage the all male chorus. At several points in the performance, the director invited the audience to sing along with the group. Music by the Gull was organized by Lori Reddering and Glenn Carter, with the help of volunteers and financial support from the Minden Lions Club

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Family fun

Lois Rigney shared these photos from the Rigney-Riddell family reunion held at her place on Canning Lake this August. "Forty-eight people descended on my property with campers and tents for the 22-year family reunion. We are up to four generations now as the family just keeps growing. Two portable toilets go on the back lawn and everyone brings their food as if they were at a campground. We all sit down for a buffet feast on Saturday night followed by a campfire with marshmallows and singing. We have a musical family with guitars, fiddle, mandolin, and 'gut bucket' for the bass. They all talk about 'next year' when they are leaving. We had to dodge the rain this year but a borrowed party tent saved the weekend for us." Looks like a fun bunch!







Representatives from the District 11 (Haliburton Highlands and Muskoka) senior games team recently competed in the Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ Regional Games on Aug. 23 in Newmarket. The events included 18-hole golf, five-pin bowling, bid euchre, cribbage, contract bridge, floor shuffleboard, progressive euchre, carpet bowling, pickleball, darts, prediction walking three kilometres, and Nordic walking 1.6 kilometres and three kilometres. The team earned 20 podium finishes and six golds in an event that is as much about excellence as encouraging physical activity and friendship. Submitted by Bev

Gold: David Connell

Shuffleboard

Euchre

Patterson

Cummings,

Bronze: Robert Pearce

Five pin bowling team

Prediction walking 3 km Gold: Sharon Ferris Bronze: Jane Symons

Prediction walking 1.6 km Silver: Frank Ferris

Bronze: Jack Cox

Bronze: Lorne Robertson and Bill Buck-

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Gold: Robert Terro, Rick West, Ronald

Dave Stokes and Robert McIvor.

OSGA regional district top three finishes for district 11

Carpet bowling

Gold: Renata Krieger and Carrol Williams

Bronze: Delma Sleerer

Gold: Beverly Alexander and Kaye Bull

Bid Euchre

Bronze: Beverly Skelding and Bernice

Pickleball women 55+

Gold: Patricia Hacknett and Nancy

McKinnon

Pickleball mixed 65+ Bronze: Greg Pyke and Sue Pyke

Golf women

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Nordic 3 km Silver Sharon Ferris

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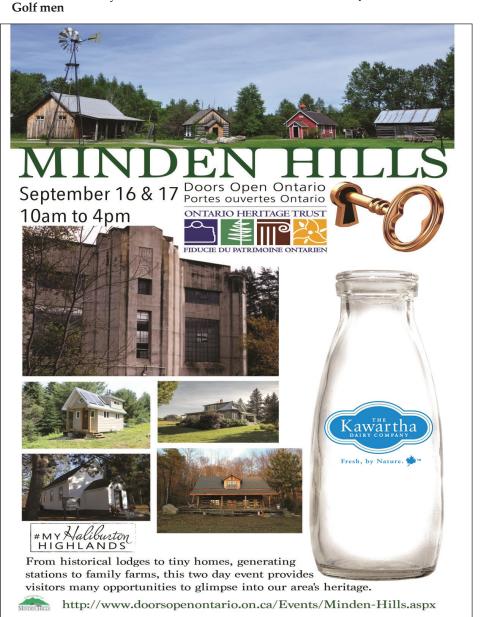
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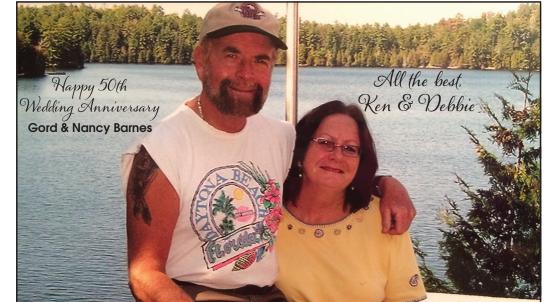


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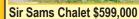
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- B&B or Residential: 8 bdrms, 3 bathrooms
- Excellent investment on Sir Sam's ski hill



RESIDENTIAL REAL



- 3 bdrm across from Sylvan Glen Beach
- Nicely updated w/ sun room & large deck
- Waterfront without the cost!



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Haliburton Echo & Minden Times

Online Advertising

Ask about our Multi-Market Discount

Online marketing campaigns are a must in 2017.

- Haliburton Echo and Minden Times websites receive a combined 60,000 hits a month
- Breaking news updated throughout the week
- Listed first on Google when "Haliburton news" and "Minden news" searched

Call 705-457-1037 ext. 31 or 32 to advertise with us today!







Canoe Fm Radio



Listen and Play every Tuesday Night at 6pm Three games are played each Tuesday Night



For information and a list of stores selling bingo sheets go to

www.canoefm.com

You can win up to \$800.00 every week! Bingo License # 776163" July 4-December 19th, 2017

Volunteers Wanted

100.9 Canoe FM Your Volunteer Community Radio Station Is now recruiting on air volunteers Contact Janice at 705-457-1009 No experience required.

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Rare! Lakefront Acreage \$629,9

- Awesome 2-Lake chain (Long & Miskwabi)
- 650' frontage and 50+ acres
- Traditional 3 season cottage with hydro



Canning Lake \$949,000

- Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath, year round home
- 160 ft of sand beach on a point lot for sunsets
- · Plus beautiful landscaping, 2 car garage & bunkie!



Minden Home \$299,000

- Quality home on a country setting facing south
- 2 bedrooms, 4 pc bath & open concept Full unfinished bsmt with WO & high ceilings



Gooderham Lake \$269,000

- 2 bedroom log cabin on the lake
- Lovely screened porch to enjoy nature
- 100 feet waterfront, sand & rock



West Lake Lots from \$239,900

- 4 stunning waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Mature trees, great views, super exposure



- Large open concept LR/DR/Kitchen
- Plus Rec room and large dbl garage



Drag River \$169,000

- 1 Room Cabin in the Woods, off grid getaway
- · Gorgeous water views, patio & fire pit
- Insulated, running water & solar electricity options



Acreage & privacy on Halls Lake!

Halls Lake \$479,900

4 season home or cottage on 5.9 acres



Wilberforce Home \$282,000

- Huge home on 3 acres of privacy
- 3 levels, lots of room for the while family
- Plus several W/O's, rec room w/bar & more





Pine Lake Retreat \$829,000

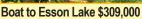
- 5 bedrooms / 3 baths
- Over 2 acres facing NW
- Many upgrades and features



Eagle Lake \$809,000

- Large 5 bdrm 4 bath cottage has great lake views
- Full deck front w/hot tub area to enjoy lakeside
- Part of a fantastic 2 lake chain!





- Spacious 3-bed cottage on Esson Creek
- Sun Deck, Screened Porch, Fireplace Level, private, sunny - Geocaching nearby



Minden Home \$419,900

- 3 Bedroom/3 Bath Brick Bungalow on 5 acres
- Hardwoods, Ceramics, Propane Fireplace
- 5 Mins to Minden, Dbl Att'd & Sgl Det'd Garages



Historic Haliburton Home \$199,000

- 5+ acres with 2 homes
- Intriguing opportunity to renovate
- Includes 50' x 24' barn



Canning Lake \$599,000

- · Winterized 3 bedroomvacation home & bunkie
- Newly renovated, level property, 5 lake chain
- Sand shoreline, deep water off the dock



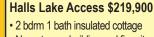
- Turn-key 4 season 3 bedroom cottage
- Mitchel Lk has excellent fishing & boating
- Plus access The Trent Severn Waterway

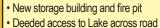




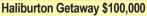
Formal dining room, Walk to Sir Sams Ski & Ride Four bedrooms, master with en-suite, Turnkey!





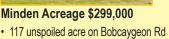






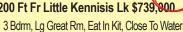
- Cozy Getaway Cabin Retreat!
- Walk to lake, town/amenities.
- Beautiful Treed lot!





- 1,800 sq ft Quonset hut on solid cement pad
- Very private property, cleared for a new home





 Deck On Water/Docking, Park Like Setting, Priv Guest 1/4s Over 2 Work Shops, Garage, Home Insp





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